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### 1. PHILIPPINES

OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED TUES THAT US BASES NEGOTS WILL RE-OPEN  
MANILA 11/16; MARCOS WILL MEET NEGOTIATORS BEFORE TALKS  
RESUME, ACCORDING PRESIDENTIAL PRESS OFFICE. US TEAM WILL  
BE LED BY AMB NEWSOM, OPPOSITE NUMBER WILL BE DEFENSE SEC  
JUAN PONCEDLE (REUTER MANILA).  
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WIDELY REPORTED THAT AT LEAST 44, MOSTLY FOM TOURISTS, DIED  
MONDAY IN FIRE FANNED BY TYPHOON KIM WHICH SWEEPED HOTEL  
"FILIPINAS" IN MANILA. ONE AMCIT DEAD IN FIRE--KENNETH  
ECCLESTON, RIVERDALE, MARYLAND, SURVEYOR W/DOD, IN PHILS ON  
BUSINESS--AND POSSIBLY ANOTHER. SIXTEEN OTHERS DIED IN  
TYPHOON IN N PHILS; 7,000 FAMILIES HOMELESS IN E PROVINCES;  
2 SMALL FREIGHTERS DRIVEN AGROUND BY STORM; AIR SERVICE  
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

HOTEL FIRE REPORTEDLY STARTED IN 5TH FLOOR ROOM WHERE CANDLES

LIT DURING POWER BLACKOUT. FIRE SPREAD QUICKLY DUE TO 103-127 MPH WINDS; FIGHTING HAMPERED BY LACK PRESSURE AT HYDRANTS; 100 HOTEL GUESTS GOT OUT SAFELY, THO SEVERAL INJURED FROM JUMPS; 28 SAID STILL BE MISSING/PROBABLY DEAD FROM INABILITY TO FIND WAY OUT (REUTER MANILA 11/14; NYT SPEC; AP, SUN; NYDN CARRIED 3 PHOTOS, MAP).

## 2. JAPAN

PRES JAPAN FISHERY ASSN, HEADING RECENT WASHINGTON DELEGATION, HAS CHARGED JAPANESE BEING DRIVEN OUT OF VIRTUALLY EVERY NEEDED FISHING GROUNDS THRU "HIGHLY DISCRIMINATORY" US ACTIONS DESIGNED BUILD PROFITS FOR SMALL/ALREADY HIGHLY-PROFITABLE FISHING INDUSTRY. CLAIMED US "FREELY CONDEMNS" OTHER COUNTRIES FOR DISCRIMINATION, YET WILLING ENDORSE IT "FOR ITS OWN PROFIT" (REUTER, PHINQ).

EC HAS OPENED NEW ANTI-DUMPING CASE AGAINST JAPANESE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS OF SEVERE PRICE-CUTTING IN QUARTZ CRYSTALS USED IN WATCHES/TV SETS/TRANSMITTOES. FRG FIRM CHARGED JAPAN DUMPING CRYSTALS ON EUR MKT. COMPLAINT BACKED BY OTHER EUR PRODUCERS (REUTER BURSSELS, 11/14).  
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NIPPON STEEL REPORTS 3.1 PCT SALES CUT/33 PCT PROFIT DECREASE FOR 6 MOS ENDED 9/30. DECLINE ATTRIBUTED TO SLACKENED DOMESTIC DEMAND/RECENT CLIMB IN YEN VALUE (UPI, JOC).

JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY SOURCES SAY COUNTRY'S 5 MAJOR MFRS PLAN VOLUNTARILY REDUCE CRUDE STEEL PRODUCTION BY 250,000 TONS FOR COT-DEC PD (UPI, JOC).

REPORT ISSUED BY JAPAN'S ECON PLANNING AGENCY SAYS YEN'S HIGH VALUE HAS CAUSED SUSPENSION EXPORT NEGOTS INVOLVING NUMBER KEY JAPANESE PRODUCTS, SUCH AS TEXTILES/CHEM FERTILIZERS. WARNED STEADY RISE IN YEN VALUE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSE SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN EXPORT POTENTIALS OF OTHER JAPANESE PRODUCTS. NOTED MEASURES PROPOSED BY FUKUDA TO TRIM TRADE SURPLUS/PROVIDE RELIEF TO AILING INDUSTRIES NOW VITALLY IMPORTANT (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

JAPANESE FIBER INDUSTRY EXPECTS SHARP DECLINE IN SHIPMENTS FOR REMAINDER '77 DUE YEN APPRECIATION AGAINST DOLLAR. INDUSTRY SOURCES ALSO CITE HEAVY COMPETITION FROM SK/THAILAND/ROC, WHOSE JOINT PRODUCTION CAPACITY 3-4 TIMES GREATER THAN JAPAN'S (CULLISON).

TOYOTA'S OCTOBER EXPORTS TO US ROSE 20 PCT OVER LAST YR'S FIGURE; SALES TO CANADA UP 57 PCT (REUTER TOKYO 11/14).

MAZDA ANNOUNCES PLANS MARKET 2-SEAT, ROTARY ENGINE SPORTS

CAR IN US NEXT SPRING; EXPECTED SELL FOR ABOUT 5,000 DOLS  
(REUTER 11/14).

### 3. JAPAN/CHINA

PRC-JAPAN TRADE TOTALED OVER 2.4 BIL DOLS ON CUSTOMS-  
CLEARANCE BASIS FOR JAN-SEPT PD, MARKING 6 PCT INCREASE  
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OVER SAME PD LAST YR. STEEL/STEEL PRODUCTS COMPRISED  
JAPAN'S MAJOR EXPORTS, WHILE MAJOR IMPORTS INCL CRUDE OIL/  
COAL/TEXTILES/FOODS (COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE, JOC).

### 4. CHINA

CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER COLD US WINTER THIS  
YR REPORTEDLY CAUSING MARKED INCREASE IN US PURCHASE OF  
FEATHERS/DOWN AT CANTON TRADE FAIR (MACKENZIE, REUTER  
PEKING 11/14; CSM).

MAIDENBERG (NYT) REPORTS PRC HAS PURCHASED 591,000 BUSHELS  
US SOYBEANS. NOTES, ACCORDING COMMODITY SPECIALISTS, WHILE  
SIZE OF PURCHASE SMALL/WORTH ONLY 3 MIL DOLS, WAS 1ST SUCH  
DEAL SINCE '74; MAY BE FORERUNNER OF MUCH GREATER SALES  
OF OILSEEDS/GRAINS TO PEKING.

AP (CHITRIB) REPORTS PRC'S NEW LEADERSHIP SEEKING AID OF  
FON SCIENTISTS OF CHINESE ANCESTRY TO HELP COUNTRY RECOVER  
FROM 10-YR SETBACK IN SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT. ACCORDING  
US INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, DURING LAST SEVERAL MONTHS  
LEADERSHIP HAS INVITED OVERSEAS CHINESE SCIENTISTS VISIT  
CHINA FOR CONSULTATIONS. SOURCES DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY  
OF THOSE RECEIVING INVITATIONS. SOURCES FURTHER REPORTED  
LEADERSHIP INTENDS ALLOW FREEDOM OF DEBATE IN SCIENTIFIC  
SUBJECTS/WILL DOWNPLAY POL CONTENT OF COLLEGE COURSES.

PRC TUES WELCOMED SOMALIA'S RENUNCIATION FRIENDSHIP TREATY  
W/SOVIET; TERMED ACTION VICTORY FOR AFRICA/DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES. NEWS OF SOMALIA'S DECISION SPLASHED ACROSS  
"PD" FRONT PAGE, ACCOMPANIED BY NCNA COMMENTARY PRAISING  
COUNTRY. NO MENTION OF SOMALIA'S DECISION TO BREAK W/CUBA  
CARRIED IN COMMENTARY; HOWEVER, BREAK BRIEFLY REPORTED IN  
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NEWS ACCOUNT (PRITCHETT, PEKING).

### 5. THAILAND

TWO W DRUG MFGRS PUT IN BIDS TO BUY OVER 6.7 TONS RAW  
OPIUM SEIZED FROM DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN THAILAND. BIDDING

AT ANNUAL AUCTION ARE "ESSEN PRODUCTS"(US)" JOHN KELLY CO"

(UK) (REUTER BANGKOK).

6. THAILAND/INDOCHINA

KR TROOPS CROSSED INTO THAILAND TUES/CLASHED W/RTG FORCES FOLLOWING WKEND KR RAIDS IN WHICH 1 THAI VILLAGER DIED, 4 INJURED, POLICE BORDER POST ATTACKED, ACCORDING RTG MIL SOURCES (REUTER BANGKOK).

7. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

INTL REFUGEE OFFICIALS SAY THAI AUTHORITIES HAVE GRANTED REPRIEVE OF 8-15 DAYS TO 107 VIET REFUGEES RTG WAS GOING SEND BACK TO SEA IF FON COUNTRIES COULDN'T SPEED UP PROCESSING TO ACCEPT THEM. REUTER (BANGKOK) SAYS NO DOUBT, THO, BANGKOK AUTHORITIES INTEND GET TOUGH W/NEW ENTERING REFUGEES. NOTES LAST WK, SONGKHLA AUTHORITIES TURNED AWAY MORE THAN 400 REFUGEES IN RECENTLY-ARRIVED VESSELS WHICH THEY TOWED OUT TO SEA.

8. PACIFIC ISLANDS

UNGA'S DECOLONIZATION CMTE MONDAY ADOPTED CONSENSUS THAT PRESENCE US BASES ON GUAM SHOULD NOT PREVENT PEOPLE OF TERRITORY "FROM FREELY EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION." ADOPTED W/O VOTE/SUBJECT TO ENDORSEMENT ASSEMBLY PLENARY, CONSENSUS STATES POLICY OF MAINTAINING MIL BASES/INSTALLATIONS IN NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH INHIBITS RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IS INCOMPATIBLE W/RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS. US REP LEONARD SAID HE SUPPORTS CONSENSUS, ADDING THAT US MIL PRESENCE GUAM IN NO WAY INHIBITS RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION. SRV ENVOY COMPLAINED ISLANDS HAD BEEN USED AS BASE FOR BOMBERS DURING VN WAR, TOOK EXCEPTION TO REFS TO US BASES ON GUAM (REUTER 11/14).

9. AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY SPEC) SAYS AUSTRALIA MAKING LITTLE PROGRESS TRYING PERSUADE EC BUY MORE AUSSIE AGRIC PRODUCTS IF THEY WANT ENSURE ACCESS TO AUSSIE COAL, IRON ORE, BAUXITE, NAT GAS, URANIUM, ETC. CITES PRESENT SITUATION WHICH ALLOWS AUSTRALIA TO COMPETE FOR ONE PCT EC'S BEEF MRKT, WHILE EC ALLOWED COMPETE FOR 20 PCT AUSSIE MOTOR VEHICLE MRKT. SPEC TRADE NEGOTS MIN HOWARD SAID AUSTRALIA CANNOT IGNORE GROWING TRADE IMBALANCE W/EC BECAUSE IT IS "SYMPTOMATIC OF UNEQUAL TRADING OPPORTUNITIES." ONLY CONCESSION OBTAINED: EC AGREED HOLD ANOTHER ROUND TALKS

W/AUSTRALIA EARLY NEXT YR.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

WU (SUN, HK) OBSERVES AFTER 13 YRS IN LIMBO, PRC NOW REVIVING UNITED FRONT. HUA KUO-FENG REPORTEDLY WILL ANNOUNCE CPPCC WILL BE CONVENED SIMULTANEOUSLY W/5TH NPC. WU CONCLUDES FUTURE ROLE OF CPPCC WILL BE TO MOBILIZE INTELLECTUALS TO PLAY THEIR PART IN NATL MODERNIZATION PLANS; AND WIDEN CONTACTS OF CHINESE W/ROC "COMPATRIOTS," HK CHINESE, OVERSEAS CHINESE.  
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CHILDS (WP) NOTES IRONIC SITUATION: WHILE PRC NOW PREPARING TO ADMIT STUDENTS TO UNIVERSITIES ON BASIS SCHOLASTIC ABILITIES RATHER THAN FOR POL ZEAL, WESTERN COUNTRIES APPEAR MOVING TOWARD POL/SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS RATHER THAN INTELLECTUAL CRITERION IN HIGHER EDUCATION. OFFERS CHINESE "REDISCOVER SCHOLARSHIP/STANDARDS AS LESSON WEST MIGHT LEARN BEFORE IT MOVES TOO FAR IN ABOLISHING ACADEMIC CRITERIA.

DRUMMOND (CSM), IN REVIEW OF LEYS "CHINESE SHADOWS," SAYS AUTHOR GIVES "STRAIGHTFORWARD"/"SINCERE" ACCOUNT OF HOW MAOISM STEADILY POISONED INTELLECTUAL FIBER OF PRC PEOPLE. NOTES LEYS DEMONSTRATES HOW LITTLE OUTSIDE VISITORS ALLOWED SEE/LEARN ABOUT CHINA; HOW GOVT CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATES FOR VISITORS' TRIPS. CONCLUDES BOOK SHOULD BE REQUIRED READING FOR "DIPLOMATS SHAPING US-CHINESE POLICY."

11. JAPAN

REUTER'S KERR (TOKYO) NOTES GROUP SENIOR US ECON OFFICIALS DUE ARRIVE TOKYO 11/16 FOR TALKS. GROUP HEADED BY TRADE OFFICE'S GENRL COUNSEL RIVERS, WILL INCL EA'S HEGINBOTHAM. TEAM EXPECTED PUT TOUGHEST PRESSURE YET ON JAPAN TO REDUCE TRADE SURPLUS. STATES JAPANESE OFFICIALS KNOWN CONCERNED ABOUT UNCONFIRMED US PRESS REPORT THAT PRES CARTER PLANS LAUNCH ALL-OUT EFFORT AGAINST JAPAN'S EXPORTS DUE JAPAN'S FAILURE OPEN MKTS TO US PRODUCTS.

WSJ'S THARP (TOKYO) SAYS JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN/GOVT OFFICIALS/ECON ANALYSTS FULL EXPECT SIZABLE SURPLUSES IN NATION'S TRADE/OVERALL PAYMENTS BALANCES TO CONTINUE. CITES DEVELOPING PROBLEMS IN JAPAN'S ECONOMY, WHICH HAS ALWAYS MEANT EMPHASIS ON EXPORTS. REMARKS ASIDE FROM NECESSARY HUGE IMPORTS RAW MATERIAL, LDP ALSO UNDER PRESSURE DOMESTICALLY FROM AGRARIAN CONSTITUENCIES--FROM  
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WHOM THEY NEED POL SUPPORT--TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST AGRIC IMPORTS.

WP'S KOTKIN DOES ITEM ON JAPANESE ECON PRESENCE IN S CALIF. NOTES OVER 500 JAPANESE-OWNED BUSINESSES LOCATED THERE--DOUBLE FROM TEN YRS AGO. ALSO, 1/3 JAPAN'S 25-BIL-DOL TRADE W/US TAKES PLACE IN CALIF. JAPANESE BUSINESS EXECS THERE FEEL JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL PLANS CAN TAKE OFF IN NEAR FUTURE, PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR FIRMS/LOCAL WORKERS/STATE REVENUES. REMARKS US BECOMING MORE AND MORE ATTRACTIVE LOCATION FOR JAPANESE FIRMS, ESPECIALLY AS LAND BECOMES MORE EXPANSIVE/SCARCE IN JAPAN.

12. INDOCHINA

FAAS (AP HUE, NYT 11/12) NOTES NVIET SYSTEM HAVING COMMUNIST WARDENS ON EVERY BLOCK/IN SHOPS, OFFICES, FACTORIES HAS SPREAD THRU SOUTH. SAYS SRV PLANS HAVE AT LEAST ONE NORTHERN-TRAINED WARDEN FOR EACH GROUP 10 FAMILIES (PHUONG). BUT GOAL OF TOTAL POP CONTROL SAID BE FALLING SHORT, SINCE AREN'T ENOUGH TRUSTED PARTY WORKERS GO AROUND. SAYS AVERAGE CITIZEN HAS NO FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT--NO ONE IGNORES ORDER OF WARDENS. SAYS PROSPECT FOR VIETS BEING REUNITED W/FAMILIES IN VN GOOD ONLY IF WILLING BE SETTLED IN NEW ECON ZONE; PROSPECT FOR REUNIFICATION W/RELATIVES IN US POSSIBLE ONLY IF US OPENS DIPLO RELS W/SRV.

WSTAR'S DICKENSON (11/14) TAKES LOOK AT EMERGING LITERATURE ABOUT VN WAR, SAYS IS AS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF WWII/KOREA AS THOSE WARS/COUNTRY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM DIFFERED. NOTES VIET BOOKS ON VN MOSTLY NON-FICTION. FINDS LATEST--CAPUTO'S "A RUMOR OF WAR" AND HERR'S "DISPATCHES-- UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOW LEAD OF JUST'S "TO WHAT END?" IN DESCRIBING WAR PRIMARILY FROM POINT OF VIEW OF TEEN-AGERS WHO FOUGHT IT. BOOKS FOCUS ON YOUNG MEN WHO FOUGHT/ENDURED/DIED IN VN AND WHAT THE WAR DID TO THEM. SAYS THEY DIGNIFY THEM/HEAP CONTEMPT ON THEIR SENIOR OFFICERS IN WAY WWII BOOKS NEVER DID. VANCE

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